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The meeting this morning was attended by Captain Wev, Lieut. Colonel Hagood of G-2, Lieut. Colonel Cranford of A-2 and Captain Duborg of ONI, from time to time by Colonel (?) Alger, apparently of JIS, and later by Colonel Wentworth of the Theatre. Captain Wev sought to confine the discussion to organizing a procedure for converting the 177 scientists now in the country to a permanent immigrant status. In the course of the discussion, it became clear that the long-term problems would, nevertheless, need to be ironed out at this time. The discussion brought out the following facts:

There was a roster of German scientists prepared by the Germans before the surrender, and known as the Osenburg list, of some 15,000 names. The whereabouts of these persons and whether they are alive or dead are not known. In addition, the German scientists who have been consulted have prepared independently a list of about 1,300 Germans (presumably in the American Zone, although this was not clear to me) who are top specialists in important fields. This list will be reduced to about 1,000 and represents the list from which the JIOA will presumably receive nominees for admission to the United States. However, a qualification appears necessary in the respect that the Services may request particular persons of whom they have heard and who may not presumably be in this list. Finally, about 600 assorted scientists and technicians are being held under Army detention in the American Zone having been brought there from the present Russian Zone at the time the American troops receded from German areas which they had occupied, and which, by the Zonal Agreement, were to be turned over to the Russians. Of these 600, many will turn out not to be important at all since the Army had only two days in

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which to pick up scientists for forced transfer and may have included persons of no particular qualifications. In this group there are many dissatisfied persons some of whom have brought lawsuits it appears against the Occupation authorities. They have been in some sort of custody without any work to do (at least not in their original fields, in view of the JCS-1067 order prohibiting scientific research) and have created quite a morale problem.

Apparently G-2, which has been in charge of the program, is requesting the Services to send over expert teams to select the scientists whose transfers to the United States, etc. would be desirable. However, Captain Duborg indicated that the Navy could not spare experts for this purpose but would have to rely on information available here.

It also appeared that we would not have a list of the 1,000 names until May 15.

Colonel Wentworth stated that the CIC investigations which led up to the transfer of the 177 persons now in the United States merely went to the question whether the individuals were in the automatic arrest category. Thus, Nazis, etc. would be permitted to go to the United States so long as they were not war criminals. Colonel Hagood stated that two or three persons, whom the Army wanted to deny them to others, were actually in the automatic arrest category and were therefore "frozen".

Colonel Hagood stated that the Army will continue the interim program (and it was so envisaged in the SWNCC memorandum), and certain persons will be transferred to the United States in the War Department's custody to be held for long periods--he mentioned three years--who would not be available for submission to JIOA at all. These would be dangerous persons, Nazis, etc. whom it was necessary to deny.

It also appeared that the Appendix C program of the Department of Commerce would call for submission by JIOA of names rejected by the Services but made available to American business men and other Departments.

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There appeared to be forms and various other dossiers on the scientists now here or who wish to come here. From this it apparently is evident that it is sought to bring in not only the scientists and their close dependents, but servants, grown children, etc. I called attention to the fact that this was highly questionable.

Colonel Hagood moved and the Committee ultimately agreed that it be the JIOA policy that nobody be submitted for action who had not been under surveillance in the United States for four months (this was with respect to the 177 now here). Colonel Hagood disclosed that G-2 was censoring mail and making other observations of these persons on the basis of which a decision could be reached as to security. He also moved, and it was approved, that dossiers from Germany and from the United States be submitted with each case.

As a result of my suggestions it was finally decided to appoint two subcommittees, one to deal with security (on which State Department would be represented), and one on contracts which would be made up of the legal divisions of the Services and in which I or the State Department would provide guidance.

I pointed out to the Committee at the beginning and repeated that State Department would thoroughly cooperate in accordance with its obligations and that we were preparing a memorandum of State Department's requirements, especially on security, which would be available within a few days.

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